

5883. Adulteration of hamburger steak. U. S. * * * v. Theodore W. Beitzel. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 342-c.)

On September 28, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the health officer of said District, authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against Theodore W. Beitzel, Washington, D. C., alleging that said defendant did offer for sale and sell at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on September 6, 1917, a quantity of hamburger steak which was adulterated.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it contained an added deleterious ingredient, to wit, sodium bisulphite, which said ingredient was capable of rendering said article of food injurious to health.

On September 28, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*